

# Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary

## From the Pastors Desk



### **Educational commitment**

Pope Benedict XVI, during his visit to the United States in 2008, stated:

“Catholic schools are an outstanding apostolate of hope...addressing material, intellectual, and spiritual needs of three million children”. Pope Francis recently confirmed this commitment: “Our generation will show that it can rise to the promise found in each young person when we know how to give them space. This means that we have to create the material and spiritual conditions for their full development; to give them a solid basis on which to build their lives; and to guarantee their safety and their education to be everything they can be”. The Second Vatican Council in 1962 advised: “Education remains critically important in the formation of the human person by teaching how to live well now, so as to be able to live with God for all eternity”. It is the mandate that has led the Catholic Church to continue to ensure quality educational programs within the schools and Parish.

There are three types of Catholic elementary and secondary schools: 1. parochial schools are associated with particular parishes (All Saints Academy); 2. diocesan schools are associated with the larger diocesan unit (Morris Catholic High School); 3. private catholic schools (Mount St. Dominic Academy).

These comprehensive school programs meet the objective of both Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis. Total Catholic School enrollment for 2016-2017 was 1,878,824.

### **Weekly Collections**

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| First Collection                      | \$ 10,374.00 |
| (including online giving \$ 1,600.00) |              |
| Last Year                             | \$ 9,211.00  |

**Attendance for the week 723**  
**Thank you for your generosity**

#### **First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9**

*In this particularly poetic passage, Jeremiah complains that while teaching the Lord's word, he is subjected to insults and derision. He determines to remain silent, but he cannot because the desire to speak the Lord's name is "like a fire burning in my heart."*

#### **Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2**

*Paul tells the Christians to make sacrifices to avoid the trappings of the times, and to do God's will.*

#### **Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27**

*Jesus tries to make his disciples realize that by following him, they will endure suffering, degradation, and death. He tells them that they must deny themselves and take up the cross in order to be his disciples.*

#### **Sunday**

Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

#### **Monday**

1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30

#### **Tuesday**

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37

#### **Wednesday**

Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44

#### **Thursday**

Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11

#### **Friday**

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

#### **Saturday**

Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5

The Living Flame for the  
Sanctuary Light will be  
in memory of  
**Raymunda L. & Santos Ruguian**  
for the month of September, 2017



*Please remember in your prayers all the departed family and friends of St. Christopher's Parish.*

### **Religious Education**

*If you have any questions concerning our CCD program, please call Mary Ann Jacisin in the CCD office from Monday thru Thursday at (973) 539-6208.*

### **Baptism**

*Our next **Baptism preparation meeting** will be on September 11th @ 7:00 pm in room 101. Please call the rectory to enroll and for any other information you may require.*

*Let us welcome into our family of faith **Reinna E.C. Desiderio, Carter P. Simansky & Dean A. Ianco**, who received the sacrament of Baptism.*

### **Reminders: .**

- 1. CCD will begin on September 17th immediately following the 9:15am Mass. If you need to register for CCD please contact the Religious Education office for a form.**
- 2. Labor Day, Monday, September 4th, the Rectory will be closed. There will only be a 10:00 am Mass on that day.**

## **Masses**

### **Saturday, September 2nd**

8:30 am Robert Thomas Natoli  
5:00 pm Deacon John Kelly  
Joseph Burns

### **Sunday, September 3rd**

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish  
8:00 am Lorraine Hathaway  
Michael McDermott  
9:15 am Paula McKowen  
10:45 am Special Intentions - Anne Bilotti  
Dorothy LaColla  
12:15 pm Harold & Emily Slavin

### **Monday, September 4th Labor Day**

10:00 am Anna Lou Caggiano

### **Tuesday, September 5th**

7:00 am Connor Family  
12:05 pm Healing for Mary Carroll

### **Wednesday, September 6th**

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish  
12:05 pm Robert Haynes  
Rose & Nicholas DiVincenzo

### **Thursday, September 7th**

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish  
12:05 pm Raymond G. Leonard

### **Friday, September 8th**

7:00 am Jason Ghaffoor  
12:05 pm Healing for Mary Carroll

### **Saturday, September 9th**

8:30 am Dorothy LaColla  
5:00 pm Linda Sole

### **Sunday, September 10th**

7:00 am Donald Kloenne  
8:00 am Helen & Joe Trinkle  
9:15 am Ronnie Starr  
10:45 am Joseph S. Roman  
Dorothyf LaColla  
12:15 pm Robert Natoli

## Parish Activities...

**Men's Group - Issac Jogues Society** - Meets on the second Wednesday of every month from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm, in room 101 in the school. Our Mission Statement is: "Life as a Catholic Man – A Truly Catholic and Spiritual Way of Life".

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**Monday morning adult education** will resume on September 11, 2017. **New Topic: Pope Pius XII**

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**St. Christopher's has a Pre-Cana Program, for more information please call the rectory at 973-539-7050.**

### St. Christopher Women's Book Club

The first meeting of the season will be on Tuesday, August 5th at 7:00 pm in room 110.

We look forward to seeing you.

New members are always welcome!

The new book selection will be announced at the meeting.



**St. Christopher's Prayer Group**  
Will be every Tuesday, at 10:30 am and every Thursday, after 12:05 pm Mass

Remember, Pray the Rosary every

Monday – Friday after the 12:05 pm Mass. Novena & Rosary @ 7:00 pm followed by Mass at 7:30 pm every Monday at St. Christopher.



Come play Bingo with one of the best groups in town. Great food, great prizes (\$1000 worth of prizes with two 50/50). You are sure to want to return and play.

**Wednesdays at 11:30 am in the St. Christopher All Purpose Room.**

**St. Christopher is hosting the 2000 Hail Mary Devotion, to our Blessed Virgin Mary, every First Saturday of every month.** Please join us on August 5, 2017 at the first floor of the Second Hand Rose Thrift Shop; stop by for an hour or the day, you are all most needed and welcomed anytime between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm. For details call Josie Mendez (973) 887-7835 or Jeanette East (973) 334-8766.

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**Jr. Choir practices** every Thursday from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm and they will sing the 2nd Sunday of every month at 9:15 am Mass. Contact Therese Steinel at 973-299-7977 or Karen Blunt at 973-887-1989 for more information.

**St. Christopher's Senior Social Club** is a club to have fun and socialize. The meeting will be at the Community Center, at 1130 Knoll Road, Lake Hiawatha, N.J. Dates: **September 15th.**

**Bus trip to the Sands Casino, in Bethlehem, Pa.** Bus leaves St. Christopher's parking lot at 9:15 am. Date:

**September 11th.** If you wish to learn more about the St. Christopher's Senior Social Club, please call John Mola at 973-335-8947 or Anne Purcaro at 973-887-5186.

**Martha & Mary Society** - This is a group of dedicated women who maintain and decorate the Church throughout the year.

**Saints Peter & Paul Society** – As a companion to our Martha & Mary Society, this group handles all the handy man activities both inside & outside of the Church.

*These two groups meet every Saturday at 9:00 am in the Church. All are welcome.*

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### The Pope Francis Society

Our program helps Hope House Food Pantry, a program of Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Paterson, which in turn helps those in need. The food box will be in the entrance of the Church.

**Mission statement: "If you love me, feed me".**

**List 2:** Cold cereal, granola bars, cookies, crackers, tuna, Chef Boyardee, canned chicken meat, canned fruit, shelf stable milk, bath tissue, paper towels.

**For more information contact the rectory and speak to Fr. Joe.**

**Catholic War Veterans of America - Parsippany Chapter - Named: Chaplain (Major) Charles Joseph Watters, USA Post 1967** –CWV will meet on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm in room 101 at the school.

### St. Paul Inside the Walls...

**For programs and events and to register visit**

**[www.insidethewalls.org](http://www.insidethewalls.org) or call**

**(973) 437-9741**

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Do not conform yourselves to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind

~Romans 12:2

## Soft yoga for hard times at St. Christopher

Every Thursday from 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm in room 110. Come and experience for yourself the wonderful range of healthy benefits that yoga and meditation can offer you. For more information including price, contact Penny Prosperi, who is the yoga instructor at pprosperi51@gmail.com.

## Reflections

*Jeremiah never wanted to be a prophet and doing God's will did not bring him honor nor respect. He was mocked and laughed at and some even tried to kill him. Doing God's will, standing up for what is the loving and right thing to do is not easy and it is seldom popular. It takes courage. Pray for the courage to do God's will no matter the cost.*

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## 8th Annual Mega 50/50 Raffle

So far we have 457 shares sold with a total amount of \$11,425.00 collected. The drawing will be on September 17th @ 2:00 pm. Thank you to the people that have already purchased their shares to this important fundraiser.

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Michael Milano from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish will be leading a Catholic Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock and doing the Footsteps of St. Patrick in Ireland over St. Patrick's Day. The dates will be March 14th - 22nd (2018), the cost: \$2499.00 per person including air from Newark, and includes breakfast & dinner daily. Mass will be said everyday. For a Flyer or more detailed information please call Cathie or Michael Milano at 1-800-773-2660.

Crafters Needed for St. Virgil's Second Annual Christmas Bazaar to be held on Saturday, December 2 and Sunday, December 3. Join the growing number of crafters/vendors that have already registered! Contact St. Virgil's Parish Office at (973) 538-1418 or email svparishoffice@gmail.com.

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**Knights of Columbus 5th Annual Donald E. Ryan - Paterson Federation Golf Outing**, on September 29, 2017. Shotgun start at 9:00 am at Minebrook Golf Club in Hackettstown, NJ. Continental Breakfast—BBQ at the turn - Buffet lunch included, scramble format - raffles - 50/50 - prize holes. Cost: \$130.00 per player. For additional information contact Chris Brancato at 973-406-1104 or Joe Miller at 973-728-0833.

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Saint Peter the Apostle Church in Parsippany will hold their annual Communion Breakfast on October 1st at 10:30 AM at the Birchwood Manor, 111 N. Jefferson Road, Whippany, NJ. The cost is \$20/per person. Please make checks payable to St. Peter the Apostle Rosary/Altar Society. You can mail it to 179 Baldwin Road, Parsippany, NJ 07054 or drop it off at the Rectory between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM no later than September 24th. All are welcome.

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Monday, September 11, 2017, the **Women's Society of St. Christopher** Church Will meet in the All Purpose Room immediately following the 7:30 Mass in Church. This is the opening meeting of the 2017 - 2018 Women's Society's schedule. At this meeting we will review and set the dates for meetings and other events during our schedule. Membership is open to everyone and all are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

The Diocese of Paterson is asking every parish to take up a second collection the weekend of September 30th/October 1st to help the hundreds of thousands suffering from Hurricane Harvey.

The Diocese, upon receiving the proceeds from the collections will then send these funds directly to Catholic Charities USA. A network has been set up of all the Catholic Charities agencies in Texas, Louisiana and any other affected areas. They are already in position and getting resources directly to the needy.

| Sep. 9th & 10th | Altar Servers                     | Eucharistic Ministers                                    | Lectors       |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--|---------------|
| 5:00 pm         | D. Lipuma<br>B. & B. Davies       | J. Lipuma<br>M. & J. Davies<br>S. DeMaio                 | E. Montefusco |
| 7:00 am         | The Rozanitis Family              | B. Carroll   | C. Johnson    |
| 8:00 am         | M. & A. Memoli<br>T. Metcalf      | P. Luther<br>A. Malsbury<br>C. Metcalf                   | M. Dumapit    |
| 9:15 am         | C. & C. Berardo<br>K. Gaydo       | E. Haynes<br>K. & P. Berardo<br>B. Chmielewski           | J. Cesaro     |
| 10:45 am        | B. & E. Hollinghurst<br>L. Taylor | L. Azares<br>Visit:<br>C. Uy<br>J. Mendez<br>A. Calabria | J. Canaveno   |
| 12:15 pm        | A. & D. Guzzardo                  | C. Ocker<br>J. Kobeszko<br>J. Alfonso<br>C. Walsh        | M. Reyes      |

To all Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Altar Servers: always refer to the schedule given to you, in case there is a change or any mistakes on the schedule listed. If you have any questions please contact Mary Ann at the Religious Education office.

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**Diocesan Commission for Catholic Filipino Ministries (DCCFM)** invites you to the celebration of Filipino Saints: Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila and Pedro Calungsod on Sunday, September 24th (2:30 pm Rosary & Novena; 3:00 pm Holy Mass) at Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist located at 381 Grand Street, Paterson, NJ 07505. Our Bishop, Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D. Bishop, will be the principal celebrant. Fellowship follow immediately at the Bishop Rodimer Center located on 387-389 Grand St. Paterson, NJ. For more information contact Fr. Vidal Gonzales at 973-398-6377.

There is  
in my heart  
a burning fire



## *St. Christopher's Second Hand Rose Thrift Shop*

Thank you to all our loyal patrons and looking forward to meeting new patrons

~ OPEN SUNDAYS AFTER 9:15 am Mass ~

SHOP HOURS: Wednesday & Friday 11:00 am– 4:00 pm Saturday and Sunday  
11:00 am – 4:00 pm

*Located in the OLD Nursery School across from Church*

**Come in and checkout all our great merchandise at  
amazingly low prices**



*For more information call 973-713-4939*



# Private/Personal Information Sheet Kept in a Private File Cabinet

**ST. CHRISTOPHER PARISH**  
**1050 Littleton Road**  
**Parsippany, NJ 07054**

**C.C.D. PROGRAM**  
**Registration Form**  
**2017-2018**

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 (First) (Last)

Father's Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Street) (Town) (Zip) (Home/Cellphone)

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 (First) (Last)

Mother's Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 (If Different) (Street) (Town) (Zip) (Home/Cellphone)

Child/Children Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Street) (Town) (Zip)

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

**The Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation require a two year immediate preparation.**

| CHILD'S NAME | Date of Birth | CCD Grade in Sept. 2017 |  |
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1 child \$70

2 children \$95

3 or more children \$115

***\*If possible, include the fee with your registration form. If this is not possible, please call the CCD Office and speak to Mrs. Jacisin or Fr. Joe.***

***\*\*Parents: If the family is not registered at St. Christopher Church please add \$15.00 per child to the registration fee.***

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **ST. CHRISTOPHER CHURCH/CCD**

AMOUNT PAID \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

# SAINT CHRISTOPHER CHURCH

## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Mega 50/50 Raffle

\$25.00 per share

cash prizes distributed last year \$6037.50

### THREE (3) WINNERS

1<sup>ST</sup> WINNER - \$25% OF GROSS PROCEEDS

2<sup>ND</sup> WINNER - 20% OF GROSS PROCEEDS

3<sup>RD</sup> WINNER - 5% OF GROSS PROCEEDS

Please join us for the drawing on September 17<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 pm in the all-purpose room.  
Refreshments will be served. Winners do not have to be present.

The entire profit from the 50/50 mega raffle will be used to defray the cost of painting the inside of the rectory, small repairs in the rectory and new office furniture.

“NO SUBSTITUTION OF THE OFFERED PRIZES MAY BE MADE”

PLEASE PRINT WHEN FILLING OUT FORM \_\_\_\_\_

MEGA 50/50 TICKET # \_\_\_\_\_  
NJ LGCCC IDENTIFICATION #375-01-0914

SAINT CHRISTOPHER PARISH  
MUNICIPAL #

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_



Come join us for ...



# St. Christopher's



Friday, September 29, 2017 at 6:30 pm  
in the All Purpose Room.



Hot dogs and refreshments will be available for purchase with free snacks for the kids.

Game Night fun includes Kids Bingo and a kid's tricky tray.







# PIZZA NIGHT WITH BISHOP

*For young women in High School or College*

**Come join Bishop Serratelli and our religious Sisters from the Diocese of Paterson for adoration, reflection, fellowship...and of course, pizza.**

when:

**Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>  
7 – 9 PM**

where:

**Pope John XXIII H.S., Sparta**

for more info:

**Please call the Delegate for Religious  
Office at 973-777-8818 x 207**

